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SUBJ: SPECIAL UNGA: EC 9 RESERVATIONS

1. FRG PERMREP GEHLHOFF IN SPECIAL UNGA PLENARY MAY 1, DELIVERED TWO-PART STATEMENT. THE SECOND PART, REPEATED BELOW WAS DELIVERED ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND CONSTITUTES THE EC 9'S RESERVATIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS ON THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND THE PROGRAM OF ACTION.

2. "PART II: EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

I WILL NOW SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY THROUGH THE PRESIDENT OF ITS COUNCIL STATED RIGHT AT THE OUTSET OF THIS SPECIAL SESSION ITS AWARENESS OF THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEMS FOR WHICH THE SESSION WAS CONVENED AND OF THE NEED TO FIND URGENT SOLUTIONS TO THE PRESENT INSTABILITIES AND DISRUPTIONS
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OF TRADE FLOWS. THE OBJECTIVE IS TO ACHIEVE AN

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM EQUITABLE TO ALL NATIONS AND
BASED ON THEIR INCREASING INTERDEPENDENCE.

WITH REGARD TO THE TEXTS AT PRESENT BEFORE THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING RESERVATIONS
AND INTERPRETATIONS:

1) THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES
WISH TO INCREASE THEIR AID TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
BUT CANNOT ENVISAGE THE AUTOMATIC TRANSFER OF REVENUES
FROM THEIR IMPORT POLICY OR THEIR TAX SYSTEMS.

2) THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY HAS REGULARLY IMPROVED
AND EXTENDED THE GENERALIZED PREFERENCES SCHEME WHICH
IT APPLIES. IT CONSIDERS, HOWEVER, THAT THE SITUATION OF
COMMODITIES ON THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETS REQUIRES OTHER
SOLUTIONS.

THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY HAS ALWAYS ACCEPTED THE
EXAMINATION OF THE POSSIBILITIES FOR COMPENSATORY FINANCING
WITHIN THE COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL BODIES; IT CONSIDERS,
HOWEVER, THAT THIS MATTER SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE DEALT
WITH IN THOSE BODIES.

WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT BUFFER STOCKS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF
COMMODITY AGREEMENTS CAN IN APPROPRIATE CASES BE A
USEFUL FACTOR, IT IS OF THE OPINION THAT SINCE THE AIM OF
SUCH STOCKS IS TO ASSIST THE STABILIZATION OF THESE
MARKETS, THEY ARE IN THEMSELVES FAVOURABLE TO ALL
COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR TO BOTH PRODUCING AND CONSUMING
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

WITH REGARD TO MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, THE
COMMUNITY SUBSCRIBED TO THE DECLARATION OF TOKYO, UNDER
THE TERMS OF WHICH THESE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE CONDUCTED
ON THE BASIS OF THE PRINCIPLES OF MUTUAL ADVANTAGE,
MUTUAL COMMITMENT AND GLOBAL RECIPROCITY WITH RESPECT
FOR THE MOST-FAVoured-NATION CLAUSE, WHILE NOT EXPECTING
RECIPROCITY OF COMMITMENTS FROM THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
AND RECOGNIZING THE NEED TO TAKE DIFFERENTIAL MEASURES
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IN RESPECT OF SUCH COUNTRIES TO ENSURE SPECIAL AND MORE
FAVOURABLE TREATMENT FOR THEM.

THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY CONSIDERS THAT EQUITABLE
RELATIONS SHOULD BE SOUGHT BETWEEN THE PRICES OF PRODUCTS
EXPORTED AND IMPORTED BY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BUT
THINKS THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FORMAL LINK BETWEEN
THEM WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO DEVISE.

IT WOULD ALSO STATE THAT IT REGARDS THE ROLE OF PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATIONS IN THE SAME WAY IN WHICH IT IS DEFINED IN THE DECLARATION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.

THE COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS ITS MEMBER STATES, HAVE, THROUGHOUT THIS SESSION, ENDEAVOURED TO TAKE AN ACTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE PART IN THE DISCUSSIONS. IT HAS, BY DOING SO IN A SPIRIT OF OPEN-MINDEDNESS, UNDERLINED ITS WILL TO FURTHER A VALID PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WITH REGARD MORE PARTICULARLY TO THE EMERGENCY MEASURES, THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES ARE AWARE OF THE CRITICAL SITUATION RESULTING FROM THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PRICES OF IMPORTED PRODUCTS WHICH ARE, PARTICULARLY FOR SOME DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ESSENTIAL. THEY THUS WISH TO EXPRESS THEIR DETERMINATION, IN CONJUNCTION WITH ALL INTERESTED STATES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, FORTHWITH TO EXAMINE THE MOST EFFECTIVE PROCEDURES FOR AN EXCEPTIONAL INTERNATIONAL AID PROJECT TO OVERCOME THE DIFFICULTIES OF SUCH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

THE COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES WOULD FOR THEIR PART BE PREPARED TO PLAY AN ACTIVE PART IN THESE EFFORTS AND MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION, PROVIDED THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS WERE WILLING TO JOIN THEM."
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